

Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given by Krystal McKinney, Chair of the Maryland Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care (the “Board”) acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the “Governor”) dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 12, 2020 entitled “Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements,” as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the actions described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety.

Code of Maryland Regulation (“COMAR”) 10.57.02.01 E. requires the Board to notify Residential Child Care Program Administrator certificate applicants within 30 days after receipt of an incomplete application that additional materials are required, and requires the applicants to provide those materials to the Board within 120 days. The 30-day time requirement and the 120-day time limitation are suspended until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

COMAR 10.57.02.08 B. allows appointment of a Residential Child Care Program Administrators in an acting capacity for a period not to exceed 90 days in specified circumstances. This 90-day time limit is suspended until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

COMAR 10.57.03.04 C. requires Residential Child Care Program Professionals to pass a Board-approved examination before certification and within 180 days of hire. The 180-day time limitation is suspended until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

COMAR 10.57.03.06 limits the effective date of certifications by the Board to 2 years from the date of issuance and requires the Board to notify certificate holders 1 month before expiration of the certificate. The 2-year time limitation and the 1-month time requirement are suspended until 30 days after the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

This notice is effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Signature on Original

Krystal McKinney
Chair

Maryland Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care

Date

PLEASE BE ADVISED: The suspension and/or modification of regulations during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency, as approved by the Board in this public notice, and as

proclaimed by the Governor in the March 12, 2020 Executive Order “Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements,” will not be considered as a basis for making these temporary changes permanent.